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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of
Applicant: Jeremy Francis Donnan et al.
Appl. No.: 10/615,226
Filed: July 8, 2003
Title: HYPODERMIC SYRINGES
TC/A.U.: 3742
Examiner: Leonid M. Fastovsky
Docket No.: NGP0054-02
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Customer No.: 00832

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ELECTION

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated December 1, 2004, Applicants elect the species of Figure 10.

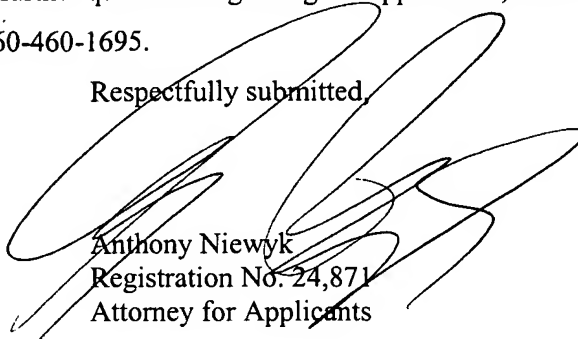
Applicants note that the following claims are readable on Figure 10, namely, claims 1-7, 9-11, 13-18, 31-34, 44, and 45.

Applicants note that upon the allowance of a generic claim, Applicants will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in independent form or otherwise include all of the limitations of an allowed generic claim.

Applicants also note that the Examiner has now issued three (3) successive Requirements for Election; the first such Requirement being dated April 28, 2004. Applicants have now spent some eight (8) months in prosecution of this application responding to three successive Requirements for Election which were issued by the Examiner. Applicants respectfully request that prosecution on the merits be initiated in this application at the earliest possible time.

If the Examiner should have any further questions regarding the application, he is respectfully invited to telephone the undersigned at 260-460-1695.

Respectfully submitted,

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